

Collect for Today

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the
Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Readings for This Week (may vary)

4 th Sunday of Lent	Presentation of Christ
1 Kings 17.8-16	Malachi 3.1-5
(Psalm 36.5-10)	(Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10)
1 Corinthians 1.18-31	Hebrews 2.14-18
John 2.1-11	Luke 2.22-40

Readings for Next Week (may vary)

Genesis 1.1 - 2.3
(Psalm 136 *or* Psalm 136.1-9,23-26)
Romans 8.18-25
Matthew 6.25-34

Verse for the Week:

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
John 2: 5.

Prayer & Reading Diary Inwardleigh

Monday

Read: Genesis 1.1 - 2.3

Prayer: Pray for all hospital staff: doctors, nurses, carers, specialist teams and auxiliary staff. Thank you for all the care they give.

Tuesday

Read: Psalm 136

Prayer: Pray for all those who work in both our emergency and public services, who perform those roles we often take for granted.

Wednesday:

Read: Romans 8.18-25

Prayer: Pray for family carers, who have stepped into that role to care for their loved ones. Hold them in your heart and give them your strength.

Thursday:

Read: Matthew 6.25-34

Prayer: Pray for all our young people who are currently studying for their chosen careers, especially as we enter exam season.

Friday:

Read: Job 38.1-21

Prayer: Pray for everyone in our parishes, especially for our clergy and lay teams and for those who keep our local clubs and committees running.

Saturday

Read: Colossians 1.15-20

Prayer: Pray for everyone who is sick, that they make a speedy recovery. We also pray for those who are alone that they find comfort and happiness.

Notices:



* **Ash Wednesday - February 18th:**

All Saints service at 7pm

* **All Saints Lent lunches:** (homemade soup and bread) Every Wednesday from **February 18th** from 12-1.30 in the Hall. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

* **All Saints Lent Groups:** starting **Monday February 23rd**. 2pm at the Rectory (07858 313677) and 7.30pm at the home of Phil Bush (07508 686689) All welcome.

* **Okehampton All Saint's Parish Church** is open every Tuesday morning between 10am and 12 noon for prayer. This is an opportunity to meet and pray with others, or just to sit quietly. Refreshments will be available.

* **St James Chapel**, in the centre of Okehampton, is open all day, every day. **Every Thursday:** 10am Communion at St James, Okehampton.

Dates for your Diary:



* **Sunday Feb. 8th - 1pm @ Okehampton Golf Club: Parish lunch.** An excellent carvery provided by the Golf Club who always make us very welcome! As always, we would be delighted to see friends from Inwardleigh, Belstone and Sticklepath. Booking is essential, so please put your name on the list at the back of All Saints or email Mish on mishflexman@gmail.com

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Church Services:



Sunday 1st February:

(4th Sunday of Epiphany/ Presentation of Christ)

9:30am

Belstone – Holy Communion
Inwardleigh – Morning Prayer
Northlew – Morning Prayer
Meeth - All Age Worship
Sourton – Holy Communion
Bridestowe – St. Bridget's Day Service
Exbourne – **9am breakfast** followed by service

10:30am

Sticklepath - Village Praise

11:00am

Okehampton - Cafe Church at Church Hall
Hatherleigh – Holy Communion
Lydford - Morning Prayer

11:15am

Germansweek - Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February

(2nd Sunday before Lent)

9:30am

Belstone – Celtic Morning Prayer
Inwardleigh – Holy Communion
Northlew – Holy Communion
Jacobstowe – Morning Prayer
Bridestowe – Family Service
Bratton Clovelly - Holy Communion

11:00am

Okehampton - Holy Communion
Hatherleigh – Morning Service
Lydford - Holy Communion
Meeth - Morning Prayer
Exbourne – Annual Animal Blessing Service

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Presentation of Christ

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Hello again! Today's gospel reading is the event at the famous wedding at Cana.

In typical 'John style' there's a huge amount of deep theology to be brought out of this passage; for now though, I'll have to leave that to the various people preaching this week, and just wave a couple of thoughts your way.

John always refers to the miracles of Jesus as 'signs'. If you're a driver, you know what that means; a two-dimensional image that speaks directly [sometimes more clearly than others] of a three- or four-dimensional reality that is coming your way soon. So it is with the miracles recorded by John; they are not just examples of Jesus going around being nice, which on one level they are, but are 'pictures' that say something about who Jesus truly is.

It's also fun with this one to pick apart what exactly is going on here between Jesus and his mum Mary; are they having some sort of family tiff at this wedding? However you read it, I think Mary comes out with the best bit of advice anyone could ever give another person: 'Do whatever he tells you'. Try that and see how it works out!

Every blessing, Leigh Winsbury